

MINUTES OF MEETING
Springfield-Sangamon County Regional Planning Commission
March 18, 2015

1. CALL TO ORDER.

In the absence of Chairman Kenneth Springs, Vice-Chairman Bruce Strom called the meeting to order at 9:32 AM.

2. ROLL CALL.

Mary Jane Niemann called the roll.

JULY 2014	AUGUST	SEPTEMBER	OCTOBER	NOVEMBER	DECEMBER	JANUARY 2015	FEBRUARY	MARCH	APRIL	MAY	JUNE	COMMISSION MEMBERS
X	X	X	X	X	X		M					Kenneth Springs, Chairman
X	X	X	X	X	X	X	E	X				Bruce Strom, Vice-Chairman
X		X		X	X	X	E	X				Eric Hansen, Secretary
	X		X	X	X	X	T	X				Mayor Mike Houston – <u>M. Farmer</u>
X	X			X		X	I	X				Andy Van Meter – <u>B. McFadden</u>
	X	X		X	X		N					Alderman Sam Cahnman
							G					Alderman Cory Jobe
												Greg Stumpf
X	X	X		X	X	X	C	X				Andy Goleman – <u>C. Stratton</u>
X	X	X	X	X	X	X	A	X				Leslie Sgro – <u>E. McKinley</u>
X	X	X	X	X	X	X	N	X				Frank Vala – <u>R. Blickensderfer</u>
X	X	X		X	X	X	C					Brian Brewer – F. Squires
X	X	X	X	X	X	X	E	X				Dick Ciotti – <u>J. Jacobs</u>
X	X	X	X	X		X	L	X				Jeff Vose – <u>L. Wind</u>
X		X		X	X		L					Larry Hamlin
						X	E					Bill Moss
X	X	X	X	X	X		D	X				Brad Mills

Others

Kyle Hutson	Dave Shah
Michael P. Irwin	Steve Walker
Dan Lanterman	
Sal Madonia	
Dan Mlacnik	

Staff

Molly Berns	Jason Sass
Jeff Fulgenzi	Norm Sims
Peter Jordet	Linda Wheeland
Steve Keenan	Joe Zeibert
Mary Jane Niemann	

3. **MINUTES OF MEETING.**

Vice-Chairman Strom asked if there were any additions or corrections to the minutes of the January 21, 2015 Regional Planning Commission meeting. There were none. The minutes were accepted as mailed.

4. **MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE POLICY BOARD.**

There was no meeting of the Executive Policy Board.

5. **REPORT OF OFFICERS.**

There was no report of officers.

6. **REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR.**

- A. **New Staff Members** – Norm Sims introduced Peter Jordet who joined the SSCRPC staff recently as an Associate Planner – Development Planning. He received his BA in History & Asian Studies from St. John's University and his master's degree in Urban & Regional Planning with a concentration in Land Use and Environmental Planning from the University of Iowa. Jordet previously worked on the Iowa Initiative for Sustainable Communities for the University of Iowa.

Sims then introduced Jason Sass who recently joined the SSCRPC staff as an Associate Planner – Transportation Planning. Sass received his BA in Biology from Quincy University and his BS in Community & Regional Planning from Missouri State University. He previously worked as an institutional planner with the SIU School of Medicine.

- B. **Long Range Transportation Plan Update** – Sims noted that the SSCRPC transportation staff is working hard on the Long Range Transportation Plan update.

- C. **Project Status Update** – Sims stated that the SSCRPC's Current Project Inventory Report will be presented soon. The report outlines projects that have been completed, projects that are currently being worked on, and projects in the pipeline.

Sims noted that some projects will be held up due to the Governor placing contracts signed after November 1, 2014 on hold. A contract between the SSCRPC and the Illinois Department of Transportation had been signed by the SSCRPC regarding CRPF funding in the amount of approximately \$110,000, but the contract was not signed by IDOT until after November 1.

Sims reported that the Federal Transportation Bill is still in question. The SSCRPC has been notified by the State to prepare a work program regarding transportation planning activities to plan for 12 months with only 8 months of funding at the present time. Staff has been working with IDOT on how to structure the plan for 12 months when only 8 months of funding is guaranteed. It is hoped that final funding figures for 12 months are set prior to the new State Fiscal Year which begins on July 1.

7. **CORRESPONDENCE.**

There was no correspondence.

8. **PUBLIC HEARING.**

There was no one who wished to address the Commission.

9. **COMMITTEE REPORTS.**

Land Subdivision Committee – Joe Zeibert presented two projects within the City of Springfield’s subdivision jurisdiction to be reviewed by the Planning Commission this month.

Wabash Commercial Park

Location & Sketch Map

Description: Pt. NW ¼, Section 14, T15N, R6W - South side of Wabash Avenue, West of Archer Elevator Road

LSC Action: Recommend approval of the location & sketch map.

Zeibert stated that this development is located south of Wabash Avenue near Wells Fargo, Hamlin Parkway and Archer Elevator Road. The proposed development consists of five lots on 36 acres. It was originally platted with a short cul-de-sac for the extension of Hamlin Parkway. That was never developed. The developer now wishes to extend Hamlin Parkway south to connect to Ash Grove Drive. The use is community shopping / office, S-2 district as well as proposed B-2. A short cul-de-sac is being provided which will give access to existing businesses along Wabash Avenue. An access easement will also be provided to allow cross traffic through that area. Zeibert noted that a variance has been requested regarding access to Wabash Avenue which was withdrawn at the meeting. Additional detail needs to be provided to IDOT as far as traffic studies to see if that access point can be supported.

Brian McFadden asked how far east Ash Grove was supposed to extend. Zeibert pointed out the location of Ash Grove and said it will connect with an easement. Sims noted that this was the location of the old Maulding warehouse project site and at that time the plan did not show the connection. At this time, the connection will be made through an access easement.

Zeibert noted that the traffic study is required with the preliminary plan and he anticipates that a variance request will be done at that time. He noted that the preliminary plan will be brought before the Regional Planning Commission for review and action before submittal to the City Council.

Slumberland – Resubdivision of Lot 26, Prairie Crossing

Plat 2 - Preliminary Plan

Variance of Sec. 153.158(B)(2) – Lot Arrangement

Description: Pt. NW ¼, Section 19, T15N, R5W – North side of Chuckwagon Drive, west of Schooner Drive, west of Gander Mountain

LSC Action: Recommend approval of a Variance of Sec. 153.158(B)(2) – Lot Arrangement and recommend approval of the preliminary plan.

Zeibert noted that this is a revised preliminary plan. A revised plan was requested since Slumberland wishes to develop one of the lots. This proposed development is located near Meijers, Furniture Row and Gander Mountain. Zeibert stated that due to limitations with access, it is required that they line up with Gander Mountain’s access point across the road which requires an access easement. There will be an access easement to serve the Slumberland parcel and the other parcel which is currently vacant.

Brad Mills moved to concur with the action of the Land Subdivision Committee on the above listed projects. Mike Farmer seconded the motion and a roll call vote was unanimous.

10. UNFINISHED BUSINESS.

There was no unfinished business.

11. NEW BUSINESS.

- A. Natural Hazards Mitigation Plan Update** – Molly Berns noted that the Federal Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000 makes disaster-related funding available from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) who passes through funding to the Illinois Emergency Management Agency (IEMA) as part of the Pre-Disaster Mitigation Program and Hazard Mitigation Grant Program. Each state is required to have a statewide plan and the Illinois plan was last updated in 2013. In order for a community (i.e., Sangamon County, City of Springfield, or other villages) to receive project grants under this funding line, a Hazardous Mitigation Plan must be in place. A mechanism is in place whereby individual communities do not have to have an individual plan, but may be a part of a multi-jurisdictional plan. A multi-jurisdictional plan for the Sangamon County area was prepared in 2006/2007 and adopted in 2008. The SSCRPC applied for and received a grant last year to update the plan. Funding received through the grant was \$61,615 with 25% being local match. SSCRPC staff has been working with various communities and holding monthly meetings in an effort to update the plan. The task force consisting of community representatives, special agencies (i.e., Springfield Metro Sanitary District), and others have met once a month since August 2014. The draft will be completed within the next three days and mailed out to communities. The last meeting is scheduled for March 31. At that time, task force members and community representatives will make any modifications and take action on the draft plan. The plan would then proceed to FEMA for approval. A response from FEMA is expected within 45-60 days. Once approved by FEMA, each of the participating communities would need to adopt the plan which would be good for five years. The task force would need to meet once a year. Berns said the updating process has been fun with communities interacting. Since the last update in 2008, Williamsville had a tornado along with some other less severe hazards occurring in the area. One thing that has come out of the community interactions has been the need to start another task force regarding water / stormwater management and hopefully securing a grant to do an area Stormwater Management Plan. Berns said she would keep the Commission updated as the update process continues.

Mike Farmer asked if the Mitigation Plan was used when a fire occurred and materials went into Washington Park. Berns said the purpose of the Hazard Mitigation Plan is to identify the potential hazards in terms of natural hazards (i.e., winter storms, severe storms, drought, heat, floodplain) and for a community to have action items that will better inform the public as to the effect of those hazards and what the public can do to mitigate them. Berns said what Farmer was referring to was more a hazardous materials type situation and would not fit into this category. Sims stated that Farmer's reference does not qualify as a natural hazard. Sims referenced the Formosa plant incident in Illiopolis as another example that does not qualify as a natural hazard. He said there are other plans to be put in place for that purpose. He noted that staff worked with first responders in those types of situations regarding transportation issues. Sims stated that the Hazard Mitigation Plan does not address communities after the event. It is to provide grants to limit the impact of an event should one occur. Some items eligible for this grant include radios for responders, storm shelters, etc. Some things one would think would be eligible (i.e., warning sirens) are not eligible for this funding. Sims felt that this should be discussed with political leaders.

Farmer asked which communities were involved with the Hazard Mitigation Plan. Berns said it was easier to list the communities not involved. The Village of Grandview chose not to participate. There were participation requirements. A representative of the communities was

required to attend 2/3 of the meetings (4 of the 6) as well as complete various homework assignments. Berns said at this point there are 21 communities participating and 5 communities who did not meet the participation requirements. Curran, Dawson, Illiopolis, Riverton and Spaulding did not meet the participation requirements. By not participating and meeting the requirements, those five communities will not be eligible for funding for the next five years unless that community does their own individual plan and submits it to FEMA. Sims stated that a condition of the grant was community involvement. That involvement was also important to the SSCRPC as it made up 25% of the funding. Time spent by community representatives on tasks and meeting attendance was the in-kind match.

12. SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS.

There were no special announcements.

13. ADJOURNMENT.

There being no further business, Charlie Stratton moved to adjourn. Roger Blickensderfer seconded the motion and the meeting adjourned at 9:56 AM.

Respectfully Submitted,

MJN

Mary Jane Niemann
Recording Secretary